

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Applicant herein acknowledges the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Claims 1 through 64 are currently pending in the application. The Office has identified the following groups of claims as being drawn to separate inventions:

Group I – claims 1-46 and 59-64, drawn to a polarized reticle, classified in class 430, subclass 5; and

Group II – claims 47-58, drawn to a method of using a mask, classified in class 250, subclass 225.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-46 and 59-64, without traverse.

Please Note Information Disclosure Statements

Applicant wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statements filed with the Office on November 18, 2003 and August 31, 2005, and respectfully request that the documents or other information referenced therein be made of record in the present application and that initialed copies of the PTO-1449 forms be returned to the undersigned attorney evidencing same.

Should any of the documents, or portions thereof, be unavailable to the Examiner for any reason, please contact the undersigned attorney, who will supply same immediately by facsimile or other suitable method of delivery.

Preliminary Amendment

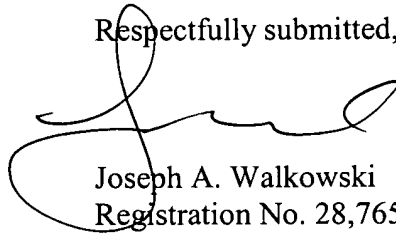
Applicant's undersigned attorney notes the filing herein of a Preliminary Amendment on March 4, 2004, which filing was not acknowledged in the outstanding Office Action. Should the Preliminary Amendment have failed for some reason to have been entered in the Office file, Applicant's undersigned attorney will be happy to have a true copy thereof hand-delivered to the

Examiner.

CONCLUSION

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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